



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 1068

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***AN ACT CONCERNING A COMMUTING INCENTIVE AND A POLICY
FOR ENVIRONMENTALLY PREFERABLE PURCHASES BY STATE
AGENCIES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) The Comptroller may offer to qualified state
2 employees the option to exclude from taxable wages and
3 compensation, consistent with Section 132 of the Internal Revenue
4 Code, employee commuting costs incurred through the use of (1)
5 transportation in a commuter highway vehicle if such transportation is
6 in connection with travel between the employee's residence and place
7 of employment, (2) any transit pass, or (3) qualified parking, in an
8 amount not to exceed the maximum level allowed by 26 USC 132(f)(2),
9 as from time to time amended, and regulations adopted pursuant to
10 said section. The Comptroller may contract with an administrator for
11 the management of this program. For purposes of this section, "state
12 employees" includes members of the General Assembly.

13 Sec. 2. (NEW) (a) As used in this section, "environmentally
14 preferable" means, with regard to products, services or practices, that
15 such products, services or practices have a lesser or reduced negative
16 effect on human health and the environment when compared to
17 competing products, services or practices that serve the same function.
18 "Environmentally preferable products" includes both recycled and
19 recyclable products.

20 (b) Within available appropriations, the Department of

21 Administrative Services shall establish procedures that promote, to the
22 greatest extent feasible, the procurement and use of recycled products
23 and environmentally preferable products and services by state
24 agencies. The department shall: (1) Designate environmentally
25 preferable products, taking into consideration the raw materials
26 acquisition, production, manufacturing, packaging, distribution, reuse,
27 operation, maintenance or disposal aspects of the product, and
28 establish minimum standards and specifications for their procurement
29 and use; (2) when feasible, include the use of environmentally
30 preferable products and services as a criteria in a multiple criteria bid
31 or an evaluation factor in requests for proposals; and (3) consider the
32 use of environmentally preferable business practices when reviewing
33 the overall performance of a bidder or proposer's business operation.
34 Such procedures shall not be considered "regulations", as defined in
35 section 4-166 of the general statutes.

36 (c) Within available appropriations, the department shall: (1)
37 Develop and maintain information about environmentally preferable
38 products and services and recycled products; (2) provide assistance
39 with the implementation of the procedures developed pursuant to
40 subsection (b) of this section and provide information to agencies
41 about the use of environmentally preferable products and services; and
42 (3) monitor the use of environmentally preferable products and
43 services and recycled products by state agencies.

44 Sec. 3. Section 4a-67d of the general statutes is repealed and the
45 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

46 (a) [Any car] The fleet average for cars or light duty [truck] trucks
47 purchased by the state shall: [have a manufacturer's estimated mileage
48 rating as follows: On and after July 1, 1993, at least twenty-nine miles
49 per gallon highway gasoline mileage rating for cars and at least
50 twenty-four miles per gallon highway gasoline mileage rating for light
51 duty trucks; on and after January 1, 1997, at least thirty-eight miles per
52 gallon highway gasoline mileage rating for cars and at least thirty
53 miles per gallon highway gasoline mileage rating for light duty trucks

54 and on and after January 1, 2000, at least forty-five miles per gallon
55 highway gasoline mileage rating for cars and at least thirty-five miles
56 per gallon highway gasoline mileage rating for light duty trucks] (1)
57 On and after October 1, 2001, have a United States Environmental
58 Protection Agency estimated highway gasoline mileage rating of at
59 least thirty-five miles per gallon and on and after January 1, 2003, have
60 a United States Environmental Protection Agency estimated highway
61 gasoline mileage rating of at least forty miles per gallon, and (2)
62 comply with the requirements set forth in 10 CFR 490 concerning the
63 percentage of alternative-fueled vehicles required in the state motor
64 vehicle fleet. The alternative-fueled vehicles purchased by the state to
65 comply with said requirements shall be capable of operating on
66 natural gas or electricity or any other system acceptable to the United
67 States Department of Energy that operates on fuel that is available in
68 the state.

69 (b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to
70 cars or light duty trucks purchased for law enforcement or other
71 special use purposes as designated by the Department of
72 Administrative Services or to cars or light duty trucks purchased by
73 the state and intended for conversion into natural gas or electric-
74 powered vehicles.

75 (c) As used in this section, the terms "car" and "light duty truck"
76 shall be as defined in the United States Department of Energy
77 Publication DOE/CE -0019/8, or any successor publication.

78 [(d) At least ten per cent of all cars and light duty trucks purchased
79 by the state in calendar years 1993 and 1994 for purposes other than
80 law enforcement or other special use purposes as designated by the
81 Department of Administrative Services shall be powered by
82 combustion of natural gas or electricity. The provisions of this
83 subsection shall not apply during any period for which the
84 Commissioner of Administrative Services provides a written
85 certification to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management
86 that a suitable natural gas refueling infrastructure is not available or is

87 otherwise not feasible, or, in the case of electric-powered vehicles, that
88 such vehicles are not available in sufficient numbers or at a reasonable
89 cost provided any such certification shall be made quarterly and
90 provided further the commissioner shall implement the provisions of
91 this subsection upon the earliest availability of such infrastructure.]

92 Sec. 4. Section 4a-67e of the general statutes is repealed and the
93 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

94 [On and after August 1, 1994, all] All recycled xerographic or copy
95 paper purchased by the state for use in state offices shall meet the
96 applicable minimum recycled content standards established in federal
97 Executive Order No. 12873, and any regulations or guidelines
98 promulgated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency to
99 carry out the purposes of said order, for purchase of paper by the
100 federal government provided such paper shall have a composition
101 such that at least ten per cent of the fiber material used to produce
102 such paper is derived from postconsumer recovered paper. Any
103 recycled white paper used for state lottery tickets and tax return forms
104 shall meet the standards provided therein for xerographic copy paper
105 provided at least [ten] thirty per cent of the fiber material used to
106 produce such paper is derived from postconsumer recovered paper
107 and further provided the recycled paper for lottery tickets meets
108 lottery security requirements. [On and after January 1, 1994,] All tax
109 return booklets prepared by the Department of Revenue Services shall
110 be printed on recycled paper which meets the minimum recycled
111 content standards for white paper or newsprint, whichever is used in
112 such booklets, established by the United States Environmental
113 Protection Agency provided at least ten per cent of the fiber material
114 used to produce such white paper is derived from postconsumer
115 recovered paper.

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